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Relief of Ladysmith.

The relief of Ladysmith following so closely on the heels of the surrender of General Cronje, has sent London into a delirium of delight, and it is small wonder for it has been many a day since the English people have had occasion for rejoicing. As one London paper puts it: "Since Havelock fought his way inch by inch through the crooked streets and alleys of Lucknow no such thrill of excitement has gone through the nation." We may well believe the statement. For 118 days Ladysmith has been invested and subjected intermittently to a heavy bombardment. The relief of Kimberley, important in itself as the forerunner of Cronje's capitulation, does not compare with the successful expedition of General Buller, and standing out in bold relief is the gallant defense of Ladysmith by General White and his brave garrison, who were compelled to undergo untold hardships.

Since Lord Roberts has taken hold of affairs in South Africa his master military mind can be seen in the events of the past few weeks. His successes also show that the earlier military maneuvers of the British forces were directed by incapable commanders. From all accounts it is plain that the Boers are now in full retreat and their scattered forces will be mobilized for a stubborn defense. They have shown themselves to be a most worthy foe, quite as skillful as the British and no less brave in action. Pretoria, it is said, is impregnable, and even before Lord Roberts comes within sight of its spires he will meet with a resistance more desperate than any he has yet encountered. The conquest of the Boers has just begun. The end of the strife no one can foretell.

Tillman's False Cry.

In the course of a debate in the senate the other day, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, made a woful spectacle of himself. He made the brutal confession to have "stuffed ballot boxes," "bull-dozed negroes," and "shot 'em" in order to prove white superiority and get the "consent of the governed." He wound up his offensive remarks with the exclamation "you won't let us alone"—the "you" referring to the north, and "us" the white Democrats of the south. It was a pitiable exhibition. The South Carolina senator, however, is radically wrong. It is the south that is unwilling to let the north alone. The Philadelphia Press scores a strong point when it says, that "by its suppression of the colored vote and its assumption of the representation of that vote in Congress and in the electoral college the south is at present exercising a negro domination over the north. Whenever an attempt is made to correct this wrong and give the north an equal chance in the government of the country the south presents a solid front against the proposition and tries to create sympathy for itself by raising the cry of sectionalism. It wants representation for the colored people in Congress and the electoral college, suppresses the colored vote and so trenches on the equal suffrage rights of the north. In short the south refuses to let the north alone and insists upon exercising its own political rights and a share of the political rights of the north also."

This refusal of the south to give the north equal political rights can be proved by the returns of the last election. In the three states of Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina a total of twenty congressmen were elected. "Nine of these members of the house of representatives," says the Press, "are based on the white population and eleven on the colored population. If only the white population were counted, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina together would have only nine votes in the house, but the whole population is counted and they are given twenty seats. The white Democrats then suppress the colored vote and elect twenty representatives, making a vote in these states count for twice as much as a vote in the north. Taking the whole south together it has thirty-seven seats in the house of representatives and the same number of votes in electoral college based on the colored population. At least thirty-five of these seats are now occupied by Democrats through the suppression of the colored vote."

The election of Presidents and the control of Congress, in fact the whole lawmaking power of the government, may depend upon these thirty-five votes which the south, by the most brutal violation of the constitution, has grasped

and refuses to resign. The south denies the north an equal voice in the government of the country. It is the south then that is interfering with the north, and not the north with the south. Senator Tillman has the situation reversed."

The Kentucky "Colonel."

Some reminiscent time-long before Ogle Reid apostrophized that peculiar product of a sister state, the "Kentucky Colonel" was revered and honored, not for a knight of arms, but the milder attribute of manhood, genuine courtesy. It is true that he drank, but he never made a distillery of himself. He was imbibed like a gentleman. He was not quarrelsome; he was gallant. To have been a Kentucky colonel in those old fashioned times of chivalry was like unto being a Roman in Caesar's day. He was as fragrant then as the blue grass that now nods over the graves of the victims of his vulgar prototype to-day. The original Kentucky colonel has passed away, but he has imitators. The Kentucky colonel of to-day is in a class by himself. He has lost the courtesy of his forebears and assimilated the contamination of the times. Hereafter he must be designated as a belted cruiser, carrying so many guns. In certain situations he may be likened to a torpedo boat. In others he assumes the terrifying and destructive qualities of the battleship, of so many distillery galleons displacement.

Importation Statistics.

According to a recent report of the treasury bureau of statistics the growing demand of American manufacturers for the class of materials which cannot be produced at home is likely to make the importations of the present fiscal year larger than those of any preceding year.

In the seven months ending with January the importations of "articles in a crude condition which enter into the various processes of domestic industry," to adopt the official classification of the treasury bureau of statistics, amounted to \$169,063,962, or practically twice as much as in the corresponding months ending with January, 1897, when they were \$89,860,326. While there has been a steady growth during the decade in the importations of raw materials for use of manufacturers, no year has shown so large an increase as the present one, the importations of this class of material in the seven months ending with January being nearly 50 per cent in excess of those of the corresponding months of one year ago and, as already indicated, practically double those of the corresponding months ending with January, 1897.

Ten great articles form the bulk of this great class of our importations, crude materials for use in manufacturing. They are: silk, fibres, wool, Egyptian cotton, crude rubber, wood, tobacco, hides and skins, chemicals, and tin in pigs and bars for use in manufacturing tin plates. These ten articles form about 80 per cent of the grand total importation of manufacturers' materials.

Mason's "Vindication."

Senator Mason, of Illinois, who has been misrepresenting that state in the United States senate, went home the other day to obtain a "vindication" and addressed a Chicago audience for the first time since he made himself odious with his party by his vindictive personal attacks on President McKinley in connection with the Philippine policy of the administration. The meeting he addressed moved the Springfield Republican, the personal organ of Aguinaldo in this country, and one of the most bitter opponents of expansion, to exclaim: the occasion as being an endorsement of Mr. Mason's constituents. It said: "Senator William E. Mason faced a popular audience in Chicago the other day for the first time since he broke with the administration on the Philippine question. Never in his political career, say the local reports, had he received so warm a welcome."

All of which is a great joke, according to the Chicago Times-Herald. That paper says it would like to present a full list of the "traitors," but in lieu thereof gives the names of the following representative characters.

"Captain William P. Black, ex-counsel for the anarchists and perennial Democratic nominee for any local judgeship, chairman."

John Z. White, Democratic and Populist nominee for Congress, speaker.

Edward F. Dunne, Democratic judge of the Cook county circuit court, speaker.

Clarence S. Darrow, professional Democratic and socialist lawyer, speaker.

Heien M. Gougar, sixteen to one Democratic spellbinder, speaker.

"Bath House" John Coughlin, alderman, vice president.

"Hinky Dink" Michael Kenna, alderman, vice president."

There can be no doubt that Senator Mason did receive a "warm welcome" from this class of people. The Times-Herald says:

"We congratulate 'Billy' Mason on having found a constituency so exactly suited to his taste. We congratulate the Republican party on its happy ride."

Such vindication, from a Republican standpoint, is the most comprehensible condemnation we know of.

Secretary Hughes, of the State League of Republican Clubs, has announced that Senator Elkins has accepted an invitation to address the league at its coming meeting at Parkersburg. Senator Thurston will speak in the afternoon and Mr. Elkins at night. This will be good news to the many friends of Senator Elkins, and it also gives assurance of excellent entertainment in the speaking line.

The Market Street Maligner had another spasm yesterday morning, and as usual assailed the integrity of those whom it can never hope to approach in honesty and probity. Its mania is fast approaching the acute stage.

In another column the officers of the Guyandotte district convention deny at some length the report that Congressman Freer was discourteously treated by that body. Many of the stories that are afloat are of Democratic origin and it would be well for our Republican friends to ignore them, for the object

of their persistent circulation is too obvious to be pointed out.

March must have been in league with February.

TWO LIVE CANDIDATES

For President of the State League of Republican Clubs.

Hon. J. W. Vandervort, of Parkersburg, who is a prominent candidate for the presidency of the Republican League of Clubs, was born forty years ago, in Preston county, W. Va. His father lost his life in his country's cause, and the son was, at an early age, thrown upon his own resources. His primary education was received in the public schools, and in the summer months he worked upon the farm, where by dint of much perseverance and economy he saved enough money to permit of his taking a course at his state university. It was an early ambition of his to become a lawyer, and from the University of West Virginia he went to the Law School of the University of Virginia, where he at once took and maintained a high stand in his class. Going to Parkersburg eighteen years ago, he began the practice of law, and there has been the scene of his greatest struggles. He has been particularly fortunate in the appellate courts, and to-day enjoys a lucrative, and steadily increasing practice.

In politics, Mr. Vandervort has always been a Republican, loyal to the principles of his party, and zealous always of its success. He has been repeatedly mentioned in connection with the attorney generalship, but whatever ambitions he may have had in that direction he has subordinated to the good of the two candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, both of whom reside in this congressional district.

Mr. Vandervort was the presidential elector for this district in 1896, and was selected as messenger by the electoral college to carry the vote to Washington. With this exception he has never held office.

It was at a business sacrifice, and only at the insistence of many friends throughout the state that he consented to enter the contest for the presidency of the State League of Republican Clubs. But now that he has entered the race, he is making one of those stirring campaigns characteristic of the man.

Another Candidate.

Charleston Mail Tribune: The suggestion in a recent issue of the Mail Tribune of the name of Mr. W. B. Mathews for president of the Republican League is meeting with a very favorable reception in all parts of the state. As is pretty generally known, he has had considerable experience in this line of work, possesses good executive ability, and his fitness for the position is conceded. Another thing that commends him is his sincerity and conscientiousness. With Mr. Mathews at the head of the league, there is not a candidate before the people for any state office but who would not know that the organization would not be used in the slightest measure to advance the interest of any candidate for any position on the state ticket. The same could probably be said truthfully of any of the other names suggested.

The league is an organization to advance the interests of the Republican party, and it should have no candidate, but all they are named by the party convention. Any other course would destroy confidence and impair the influence of the league. This is the view Mr. Mathews takes of the matter, and it would be the course of the organization with him at its head.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every manly man is a boyish one. Nothing helps a man sometimes so much as a hindrance. When a woman cries, it relieves her; when a man cries, it shocks him. A man may manage to get a woman without loving, but he can't keep her long without it. No man can entirely fill a woman's life. The average man hasn't been married six months before his wife gets to taking candy to bed with her.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Nixon—Would you call Dickson a contrary man? Fundenberger—Contrary? Why, that man would try to toboggan up hill.—Harper's Bazar.

Mrs. Grill—Oh, dear, I've sung to this baby for an hour, and she hasn't stopped crying yet. Mr. Grill—Probably she has been waiting for you to stop.—Tit-Bits.

"Is Brown happy in his marriage?" "Well, I think it. Brown were to see Mrs. Brown to-day for the first time he wouldn't even ask for an introduction."—Harlem Life.

Visitor (looking at ancestral portraits)—What a lot of ancestors you've got. Porkchoppers—That's dead right. I didn't want so many, but Sarah she insisted.—Brooklyn Life.

"A Matter to be Investigated."—"Pa!" "What, Jimmy?" "If George Washington, President before Lincoln, why do we celebrate his birthday last year?"—Chicago Record.

"I suppose that people in Kimberley are now enjoying a change of diet," remarked Mrs. Snaggs, when she heard that General French had reached that town. "Yes," added Mr. Snaggs, "they should be now eating horseless meat."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

About the Quantity—"I don't know what I want," said the dyspeptic guest, looking at the bill of fare. "I can't eat more than two bites, anyway." "You might try a couple of our mutton chops, sir," suggested the disfigured waiter, unbending slightly.—Chicago Tribune.

Take Your Choice.

Around this land no man should roam
With discontented mind,
For every class a fitting home
With greatest ease can find.

The writers all should go to Penn.,
The debtors flock to O.,
And color would be for colored men
A paradise, I know.

The mining class would find in Ore,
A chance to raise the gold,
And as you may have guessed before,
The rich should go to Ind.

Religious folk should go to Mass.,
And bunks men to Conn.,
And lovers who would win a lass
Should find a home in Mon.

The bachelors should go to Miss.,
I'm sure you will agree,
And every maiden who reads this
Should in a twinkling be free.
In Idaho, 't'is good,
And money for the broke in Tenn.,
And room for tramps in Wash.

The sick should be at home in Ill.,
And drinking men in Kan.,
Who are sick with joy would fill
The ancient river man.

All other persons, hear and far,
Wherever their eyes are set,
Who are not suited where they are,
Will find a home in Texas.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

For Wireless Steering.

An English invention for steering any craft, whether submerged or otherwise, by means of an ether wave on the wireless telegraph principle has been perfected. In naval war it is expected to make the torpedo boat almost invulnerable. In the event of a general attack the great American dyspepsia cure—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters—which never fails to cure constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria fever and ague. Everyone needs it and all druggists sell it.

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DEMOCRATIC CANARD

About Ill-Treatment of Congressman Freer Exploded.

SIR:—It is due the Republicans of Guyandotte district and the city of Huntington that the report sent broadcast over the state of the ill-treatment of Congressman Romeo H. Freer at the district convention, held here on the 24th instant, be branded as a malicious Democratic canard.

There is absolutely no foundation, in fact for such a report.

On the contrary, through his manager, Mr. Campbell, he was invited to the hall and to a seat upon the stage, with the assurance that he would be called upon for a speech as soon as the preliminary organization was completed. This had been advertised throughout the city, and the audience so understood it. After the organization was perfected Senator Hughes stepped to the platform, and said:

"We are expecting our congressman here every moment to address us, and while we are waiting I suggest that Colonel Fitch fill in the time."

The colonel was called out, and spoke about twenty minutes. At the close of his speech, Mr. Freer still being absent, the convention proceeded to the regular business.

For some reason unknown to the audience, and to Congressman Freer's best friends, he did not appear at any time during the meeting of the convention. Had he done so he would undoubtedly have been received with unanimous cordiality. The "ill-treatment" story is not only false, but it is a gross imputation upon the honor of the Republicans of Huntington, set afloat by the enemies of the party for political effect. J. E. MATTHEWS, Chairman Guyandotte District Convention.

A. J. CHILDERS, Secretary.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 28.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S MEMORY

To Be Kept Green by the Purchase of the House Where He Died.

Mr. Munford yesterday introduced in the senate a bill, which passed that body, and was communicated to the house, to incorporate the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Association, which proposes to purchase the Chandler House, near Guinea Station, in Caroline county, in which General Jackson died, together with the farm on which the house is located, and to preserve the building, as nearly as can be, in its original form, and to collect therein such furniture, portraits, books, manuscripts, and other relics as were possessed by him or connected with his career.

The building is to be kept open without charge to visitors that may be paid to it by any member of the association. The association is empowered to solicit from individuals, corporations and Confederate associations such donations and gifts as may be made, and such devices and bequests as may be left to it, whether in money, books, papers, portraits or other property. And the association, being entirely dependent for the resources with which to carry out its object upon the liberality of admirers of the high character of General Stonewall Jackson, and of the great service rendered by him to his country, it is provided that the names of all persons contributing shall be transcribed upon a record book, and that the same shall be safely kept among the archives of the association.—Richmond Dispatch.

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POLITICAL.

Meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs.

To the Republicans of West Virginia.

The time has come for aggressive action on the part of all adherents of our great party, which is now, as ever, the party of vital and positive principles. This year, as heretofore, Republicanism means patriotism. It therefore behooves the friends of good government everywhere to use all honorable means to perpetuate Republican principles by bringing about the election by overwhelming majorities of the Republican national, state and local nominees in the pending campaign. Such effort should not cease until victory is won.

In view of the great influence for good wielded by club organizations in distributed political literature and arousing enthusiasm upon the live questions of the day, a meeting of the West Virginia State League of Republican Clubs is hereby called for

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1900,

to be held in the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the purposes of reorganization, consideration of plans of action for this year's campaign, election of delegates to the National League meeting, and for such other business as may properly come before it. Each club is entitled to five delegates, and it should also elect five alternates. Republicans in every county are urged to organize clubs at once, and send the name of each club, with lists of officers and delegates, without delay, to the secretary at Charleston.

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